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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation With Mr. Fred Dutton, Assistant
Secretary of State for Congressional Relations

1. On Saturday, 27 July, I spoke with Mr. Fred Dutton regarding Under Secretary of State Harriman's briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy invited). We had contacted the Committee to arrange to have an Agency representative present and had made a similar request to the Department. Dutton said he had reserved a place for an Agency representative at the briefing. He commented that Harriman's briefing will depend on meetings which Harriman was then having with the President at Hyannis Port.

2. Mr. Dutton took the opportunity to mention to me that when Secretary Rusk was briefing the Senate Armed Services Committee last Wednesday, Senator Russell indicated that he wanted to have the Director up for a briefing on the adequacy of our detection system especially in territorial waters and outer space. Dutton said Russell also wanted these additional points covered:

- a. the extent of our information on the Sino-Soviet rift from other than Sino-Soviet sources;
- b. the status of French, Israeli and Arabic atomic energy programs;
- c. where the Chinese Communists stood in the field of nuclear developments. When they will be able to set off a blast and the effect of such a blast on the rest of southeast Asia;
- d. the Director's opinion of the treaty.

Senator Thurmond then said he also wished to talk with the Director because it was his feeling that "the art of concealment is always ahead of the art of detection."

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3. I thanked Mr. Dutton for bringing this to our attention and immediately gave this information to in the Director's office who said she would have it in the Director's hands within an hour and to Mr. Cline. Mr. Cline is planning to attend the Senate Foreign Relations Committee briefing.

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